

Ramsey Pollard Named President Southern Convention

Dr. W. Ramsey Pollard, pastor-Broadway Church, Knoxville, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in one of the most eventful sessions of the Convention, held last week in Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky.

Messengers from more than 40 states, in spirited balloting named him by a rather decisive margin over Dr. Roy McClain, pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church and popular Baptist Hour preacher.

In further significant action the Convention voted to establish a new Stewardship Commission, decided to continue Carver School of Missions and Social Work as a separate institution, and adopted a record \$16,386,000 missions budget.

Other officers elected were Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, first vice-president; Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Church, Newport News, Va., second vice-president.

Secretaries reelected were Dr. James Merritt, Atlanta, and Dr. Joe Burton, Nashville. Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, was reelected treasurer.

The body voted to meet in 1962 in San Francisco and in St. Louis in 1961. Miami had previously been named as the meeting place for 1960. Kansas City will be the meeting place in 1963 and at Atlantic City in 1964.

This year's Convention, while not registering the largest number, did set an apparent attendance record for one session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Wednesday night, foreign missions night, Freedom Hall, with a seating capacity of 22,000 and claimed to be the largest auditorium the Convention ever met in, was filled to overflowing.

One Freedom Hall official estimated that there were 25,000 "on the grounds" that night.

At 3 p. m. Friday the registration stood at 11,800, making it the fourth largest in history.

This year's Convention had its share of debate.

A floor fight was beginning to shape up over the question of admitting Canadian churches to membership.

proponents conceded an error in wording of their proposal and withdrew.

Two efforts were made by Rev. Jas. Bulman of East Spencer, N. C., on the Convention floor to challenge the orthodoxy of one of the professors of Southern Seminary, Dr. Eril C. Rust, President Duke K. McCall denounced the charges as malicious statements with no basis in fact.

The matter was left to the trustees of the Seminary.

The race issue precipitated sharp debate.

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New Commission Approved By SBC

A new Commission was approved by the 102nd session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Louisville last week, but only after some opposition and a narrow majority of 64 votes.

The body okayed a Stewardship Commission to replace the work now done by the Promotion Division of the Executive Committee, as a part of the report of the Convention's Committee to study total Southern Baptist Program.

The Convention also voted to continue to operate Carver School of Missions and Social Work as a separate institution, in spite of an effort to have it made a part of the Southern Seminary, whose campus it adjoins.

The institution was transferred to the Convention from the Woman's Missionary Union and plans now are to expand its specialized work.

Survey Committee

The Committee, better known as the Survey Committee, had included both these recommendations along with 19 others in a comprehensive report suggesting important changes in the functional and organizational life of several Southern Baptist agencies.

One recommendation of the Committee was soundly defeated, however, that requiring the seminaries to begin charging student fees or tuition in order that students could have an increasing share of the cost of their education.

Several recommendations regarding the work of the Home Mission Board were adopted. Highlights of these were:

Home Board Recommendation

That the Board let local conventions assume many phases of its work as soon as they can. This applies to state Baptist conventions in the United States, and the Boards overseas work in Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone.

That the Board call in management consultants to review its work.

That the Board continue its church loan activities. The Committee to Study Total Program announced it is withdrawing its earlier recommendation that the Convention establish a separate church loan agency.

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Related Groups Elect

Several related organizations that convene annually during the week of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention elected officers at Louisville last week as follows:

Pastors' Conference

President — W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Vice President, Wayne Dehoney, pastor, First Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Secretary — Robert (Bob) Barker, pastor, First Church, Chickasaw, Ala.

Religious Ed. Assoc.

President — Findley B. Edge, Louisville, Ky.

Vice Presidents—(for church workers) S. C. Ray, Greensboro, N. C. (for field workers) James Whaley, Middleburg, Ky. (for teachers) H. Otha Feather, Fort Worth, Tex.

Secretary and treasurer—Miss Grace Knowlton, Fort Worth, (reelected).

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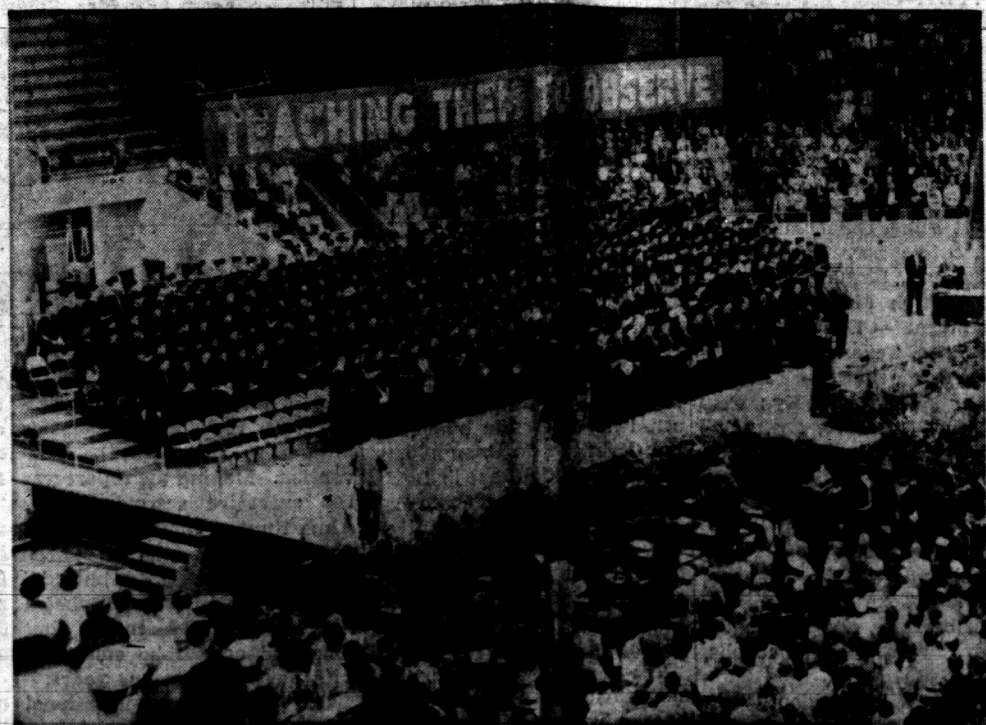
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SOUTHERN GRADUATION—Two hundred ninety-two were graduated from Southern Seminary at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention Tuesday evening of last week in Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky. The service was broadcast live on the graduation channel.

Mississippians Leave For Europe, Near East

This week thirty-eight Baptists, mostly Mississippians, left the United States by jet for a five week missions tour of Europe and the Near East, ending up with a simultaneous preaching mission in Spain and Italy.

The group left Jackson Wednesday morning and will return July 1. They will visit mission stations and points of interest in Baptist history in eleven countries.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of The Baptist Record are the party leaders.

First Crusade

In Spain and Italy the party members will direct the first simultaneous evangelistic campaign ever attempted by the Baptist churches there. The crusade in the two countries

will be conducted June 21-29.

The Baptist travelers include 28 ministers, seven laymen and two wives. Thirty of the thirty-eight are Mississippians.

On Wednesday night the group boarded a Boeing 707 jet at Idlewild International Airport in New York for a six and a half hour flight to London.

Their itinerary will take them through Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Greece, Lebanon, Syria (United Arab Republic), Jordan, Israel, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Laymen To Speak

During the evangelistic crusade in Spain and Italy both laymen and preachers will speak in assigned Baptist churches. Missionaries and others will serve as interpreters. Two years in planning, the preaching mission is the outcome of invitations from the two national groups of Baptists. Arrangements have been made with the counsel of Foreign Mission Board personnel in Richmond and overseas.

Laymen in the party are: John Allen Collier, Leland; Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., Meridian; Paul Nunnery, Hollandale; Dr. and Mrs. Russell Bush, Columbia; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Joe J. Ross, Jackson; and W. L. Simpson, Newport News, Va.

Preachers

Preachers from Mississippi in the party are: Rev. Schuyler

Ralston, Oxford; Rev. Jeff Brantley, Forest; Rev. Frank Campbell, Jackson; Rev. Kenneth Canterbury, Jackson; Rev. Maurice Clayton, Tunica; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Biloxi; Rev. N. F. Davis, Aberdeen; Rev. W. T.

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Record \$16,386,000 Budget Adopted

The Southern Baptist Convention last week in Louisville adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$16,386,000 for 1960, an all-time record high.

This is an increase of \$1,386,000 over the \$15,000,000 budget of the current year.

The budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee, calls for distribution on a single percentage basis up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$16,386,000 is received, the agencies not sharing in capital needs will receive the balance on their operating budget before final distribution is made.

The new budget allocates \$12,331,960 for operating expenses and \$4,054,040 for capital needs.

All receipts in excess of \$16,386,000 shall go 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions, and that the goal of this, the Advance Section of the Budget, be set at \$2,113,100.

This would make a grand total of \$18,500,000.

Appoints Music Director

Another recommendation adopted gives the Convention president the duty of appointing the music director of the Convention.

Another recommendation approved establishes the Inter-Agency Council as the organization through which the various agencies of the Convention will correlate their work.

The Sunday School Board, according to another recommendation adopted, shall include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to each state convention during the preceding year.

Louisiana Board Is Reorganized

ALEXANDRIA, La. — (BP)—

The six new committees of the executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention made their first reports to the board's May meeting in Alexandria.

Following the Booz, Allen & Hamilton management consultant's administrative and program study of the convention the board was reorganized. The committee have been meeting respectively to perform the assigned functions which relate to each phase of the Convention program, its institutions, and boards and also which relate to Southern Baptist Convention programs.

A revised constitution for the convention, which will be proposed to the convention session in November, was tabled until the next meeting of the board for final approval.

The new building committee reported "very satisfactory progress" on the new state Baptist office building which is being constructed here at a cost of \$1,300,000 plus architect fees and property.

Ministers' Wives Award

Two awards were granted by the Ministers' Wives Conference meeting last week in Louisville, Ky.

The "Activity Award" for the most outstanding contribution to the organization went to Mrs. J. Marse Grant of Thomasville, N. C. The Distinguished Service Award for the most outstanding service to the denomination went to Mrs. Jackson White of Arlington, Va.

Mrs. J. H. Kyzar, wife of Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, was one of 20 who received honorable mention. Others from the state who were nominated included:

Mrs. Howard H. Aultman, Columbia; Mrs. Hal D. Bennett, Vardaman; Mrs. C. H. Cutrell, Biloxi; Mrs. Donald E. Ladner, Jackson; Mrs. Landrum Leavell, Gulfport; Mrs. Ray Megginson, Natchez; Mrs. Byron E. Mathis, Pascagoula; Mrs. W. Levon Moore, Laurel; Mrs. C. R. Simpson, Pascagoula; Mrs. Hugh Smith, Vicksburg; Mrs. Bill Stroud, Walnut Grove.



HONORABLE MENTION—Mrs. J. H. Kyzar, (right) wife of Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, and Mrs. Paul Fox, of Little Rock, formerly of Greenville, were among the 20 women receiving honorable mention awards for distinguished service to the denomination during 1958-59 by the Ministers' Wives Conference last week in Louisville, Ky.

Meet Baptists' New Leader

The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention loves to preach, is an outspoken prohibitionist, especially likes fellowship in the homes of his members and prefers to be described as a pastor-evangelist.

The above facts were gleaned from him in his first press conference in the press room at the Convention in Louisville immediately after announcement of his election over Dr. Roy McClain, pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church.

Dr. W. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of the 3,500-member Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, succeeds Brooks Hays, Little Rock layman.

Just Plain Preacher

Dr. Pollard was a close runner-up to Mr. Hays two years ago when he was elected as the first layman in many years.

"I'm not a religious statesman, just a plain Baptist preacher," he declared as he opened the interview before the largest group of press representatives in Southern Baptist history.

Those included representatives of state Baptist papers, wire services, large city dailies, national magazines from many sections of the country and others.

Evangelism, Stewardship

Dr. Pollard, in answer to an early question about future plans for the Convention, quickly suggested an intensive program of evangelism and stewardship.

Future Dates

Of The SBC

1960—Miami Beach, May 17-20.

1961—St. Louis, May 23-26.

1962—San Francisco, June 5-8.

1963—Kansas City, May 7-10.

1964—Atlantic City, date not announced.



DR. W. RAMSEY POLLARD

Mississippians Play Prominent Roles In Convention Procedure

Mississippians played a prominent part in the vast proceedings of the 102nd annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention that met last week in Louisville.

Prominent throughout by virtue of his position as first vice-president of the Convention was Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

He presided several times during the Convention and introduced President Brooks Hays for the keynote address Wednesday. He received a framed certificate of thanks for his service in that capacity of first vice-president.

He also was a member of the Convention's Peace and Jubilee Advance Committees.

Carey Choir Sang

The choir of Wm. Carey College, under direction of Dr. Donald Winters, brought special music Wednesday and sang with several other choirs for the special music for the Southern Baptist commencement service Tuesday evening.

Mississippians who were elected to membership on Boards and Commissions included:

Brotherhood Commission, Rev. Roy Collum, Philadelphia, succeeding Dr. S. B. Platt, Columbus; Executive Committee, Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, succeeding Purser Hewitt, Jackson; N. O. Seminary, Dr. Donald Roark, Yazoo City, succeeding Dr. W. C. Fields, Jackson; and Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Biloxi, succeeding Rev. Wayne Todd, formerly of Brookhaven, and who was introduced to the Convention as the new head of the Library Service of the Sunday School Board.

Fields Introduced

Dr. Fields was also introduced at the Convention as the new director of Public Relations for the SBC Executive Committee.

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(Continued from Page 1) several times in state meetings and where he has held revival meetings in several churches.

Texas Native

He is a native of Cleburne, Texas, the son of a former police officer. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Tenn., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

He holds an honorary D. D. degree from Carson-Newman.

Dr. Pollard has been active in denominational life. He served the past year as chairman of the Convention's Executive Committee.

He has been president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and has preached the Convention sermon in one of the meetings of the body in Miami.

Traveled Widely

The new president has conducted revivals all over the United States, Honolulu and Alaska. Mrs. Pollard is the former Della Pickle of Dallas whom he met on a blind date during high school days.

They have two children—Mrs. Robert Clift of Atlanta, and Rev. Ramsey Pollard, Jr., a January graduate of Southern Seminary and now educational director of Belmont Heights

He has resigned as editor of the Baptist Record and will assume his new duties July 15.

Three were reelected to membership on SBC Boards and institutions, as follows: Home Mission Board, Dr. John W. Landrum, Grenada; Midwestern Seminary, Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, Jackson; and Southern Baptist Foundation, Cecil Travis, Jackson.

Mr. Hewitt also served on the Committee on Resolutions and introduced one of the recommendations for the Executive Committee. Mr. Cooper was also a member of the Convention's Committee on Committees.

Dr. Walter L. Moore, Meridian, member of the Executive Committee, also introduced one of the recommendations of the Committee.

Hudgins Active

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, member of the Convention's Survey Committee, introduced the majority of the report of that Committee to the Convention.

Rev. Joe Abrams, Clinton, was re-named to the Convention's Jubilee Advance Committee.

Rev. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel, read the Scripture and led in prayer at the Thursday evening session. Rev. Howard Aultman, Columbia, was elected president of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association.

Church, Nashville.

As to be expected, Dr. Pollard was questioned on his position regarding several of the social-political issues of the day.

Race Issue Presented

Regarding the race issue he said:

"My stand is the same the convention has already adopted. We must work together in Christian love and fellowship and there need to be many lines of communication between the races. My judgment is that those of both races must exercise caution and Christian restraint and that the extreme liberals on both sides are doing the cause more harm than good."

On the seminary controversy involving the firing of 13 faculty members last year—"My judgment is that the seminary will come through as a much stronger institution than ever before."

On the possibility of Catholic Senator John M. Kennedy's being nominated for the presidency, he said: "I think he is a very capable young man and we appreciate his forthright statements he made concerning separation of church and State and the fact that he indicated he would not favor an ambassador to the Vatican. From the practical viewpoint he would face much opposition from Protestants and Baptists."

On prohibition—"I favor doing away with the liquor business entirely, yet I know it's a practical impossibility. However I think it's a mistake to put a stamp of approval on a business that is causing moral deterioration in our nation. I think it's the greatest menace America faces today (from within)."

Mrs. Tyler Serves

Two of those nominated but defeated for the Convention presidency have Mississippi backgrounds. Dr. Carl Bates of Amarillo, Texas, but soon to move to Charlotte, N. C., is a native of Liberty, Miss. Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, of Houston, Texas, was formerly pastor of First church, Leland.

Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, of Blue Mountain, led the devotionals for the W. M. U. Convention.

An ex-Prentiss man, Kendall Berry, now of Blytheville, Ark., was elected chairman of the Convention's Executive Committee.

Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, of Amarillo, Texas, but formerly of

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Chaplains' Asso.

President—Harry A. McKnight, Washington, D. C., Lt. Col., USAFR.

V. Pres.—Louis B. Parks, Vets. Adm., Houston, Tex.

Secretary—Robert Herndon, Ft. Carson, Colo., Lt. Col., USA.

W. M. U. Convention

President—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Robert Fling, Oklahoma.

Executive Secretary—Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala.

Church Music Con.

President—Dwight Phillips, Texarkana, Texas.

Vice-Presidents—Eugene Quinn, Middletown, Ky.; Paul Bobbitt, Owensboro, Ky.; Hugh McElrath, Louisville, Ky.

Secretary—Miss Nadeen Brookshire, Dallas, Texas.

Southern Baptist Evangelists' Con.

President—Cliff Brannon, Longview, Texas.

Membership vice-president—T. W. Wilson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Program vice-president—E. J. Daniels, Orlando, Fla.

Secretary-treasurer—G. P. Comer, Dallas, Texas.

Ministers' Wives

President—Mrs. Rollin S. Burhans, Louisville, Ky.

Vice-President—Mrs. Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla.

Recording Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Fred Eastham, Springfield, Mo.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Gordon Weekley, Charlotte, N. C.

Mississippi, led in the unsuccessful effort to get Convention permission to admit Canadian churches to affiliate with the Convention.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary, represented the State Convention Board at the Southern Seminary commencement service on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, was named to the Committee on Boards.

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bate on the closing day of the Convention as a result of a resolution presented by the Resolutions Committee implementing a suggestion in the presidential address of Brooks Hays on Wednesday that white and colored leaders hold a conference in an effort to "promote Christian fellowship and conduct a comprehensive examination of the problem."

Dr. Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor of First Church, Charleston, S. C., offered an amendment which was adopted, referring the possibility of such a conference to the Executive Committee for study. Only five of the nine members of the Resolutions Committee signed the resolution.

The Convention adopted the report of its World Peace Committee, without debate, which called for a Convention observer at the United Nations, to be cared for within the budget of the Christian Life Commission.

The Convention met in Louisville this year in order to call attention to the 100th anniversary of Southern Seminary and to participate in the commencement exercises on the opening Tuesday night when 296 were graduated.

The combination commencement-Convention sermon was delivered by Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis.

Chosen to deliver next year's Convention sermon was Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of First Church, Winston Salem, N. C. The Executive Committee, in its pre-convention meeting, elected officers as follows:

Chairman: Kendall Berry, banker, Blytheville, Ark.; vice-chairman, R. Archie Ellis, pastor, First Church, Columbia, S. C.; secretary, E. Barnum Hawkes, pastor, First Church, Waycross, Ga.

The Convention was closed Tuesday night with a special service in the city's largest church, the First Baptist Church, in God's Garden.

Mrs. C. C. Gentry, Association W. M. U. President, presided and Mrs. P. E. Satterfield gave the charges to the 53 maidens, 30 ladies-in-waiting, 24 princesses, 11 queens, and five queens-with-accepter.

Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor at Boyle, printed the programs and the Boyle Church held a reception for the girls.

Churches represented were First, Cleveland; Calvary, Cleveland; Immanuel, Cleveland, Yale St., Cleveland; Skene, Boyle; Rosedale; Shelby; Merigold; Shaw; and Duncan.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Revival Results

Beaumont (Perry): 12 professions of faith; 2 additions by letter; 30 rededications; Rev. H. A. Merritt, Natchez, evangelist; J. T. Hannaford, Columbia, song leader; Rev. J. Ray Grisett, pastor.

Newton, First: 23 additions, 16 for baptism and 7 by letter; four on following Sunday for baptism; Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, pastor.



WMU OFFICERS—Officers of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, were reelected last week at its regular meeting on Monday and Tuesday in Louisville, Ky. From left: Mrs. Robert Fling, recording secretary; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary.

W.M.U. Report Shows Gains In All Areas

A membership of 1,355,163 with gains in all its organizations was reported by Woman's Missionary Union to the Convention. Making the report was the executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham. She pointed out a gain of 47,388 members for the year, but added this gain includes Sunbeam Nursery members for the first time and cannot be compared with gains in previous years.

The gains in organizational units were largest in Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Band. Sunbeam Band reported an increase of 2,023 units or 10.2 per cent and Girls' Auxiliary a gain of 1,744 auxiliaries or 6.8 per cent.

"Woman's Missionary Society and Young Woman's Auxiliary had a virtual tie in growth," Miss Hunt said, "with 579 Woman's Missionary Societies and 578 Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

Bolivar County G. A. Coronation Held At Boyle

A Bolivar Associational Coronation Service was held on May 12 at Boyle Church, with 11 churches and 18 Girls' Auxiliaries represented. The theme of the program was "Abundant Life in God's Garden."

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Douglas, Pontotoc; Rev. Carl Duck, Batesville; Dr. J. William Harbin, New Albany; Rev. James Hurt, Cleveland; Rev. C. O. Lindsey, Union; Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point; Rev. James Richardson, Leland; Rev. J. B. Riley, Magonia; Rev. Harold Shirley, Yazoo City; Rev. Charles Phillips, Wesson; Rev. Sam M. Brown, Bruce; Dr. Alvin O. Collins, Booneville; Rev. Tommie Fant, Laurel; Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; plus Dr. Quarles and Dr. Fields.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Woodson, Columbia, will travel separately but will join the group in Italy. Mrs. Carl Duck, Batesville, will join her husband in Spain for the crusade there.

Out of State

Members of the party from outside Mississippi are: Rev. Louis Armstrong, Montgomery,

Ala.; Rev. Lucius Marion Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Dr. Beverly V. Tinnin, Henderson, Texas; Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Folsom, Miami, Fla.; Rev. Charles Shacklette, Anderson, S. C.; and a layman, K. L. Simpson, Newport News, Va.

The circulation of the WMU magazines is increasing. Royal Service for women reports a circulation of 344,000. The Window reached 45,000. Tell for members of Girls' Auxiliary, 156,000, and Sunbeam Activities for Sunbeam Band leaders reported 44,000. Royal Service led with a 17 per cent increase; Tell was second with 15.9 per cent; and The Window third with 10.5 per cent.

Better Preparation

In reporting on the weeks of prayer and their accompanying offerings, Miss Hunt pointed out that the inclusion of the week

of prayer in the program was a new feature. She said the organization had been working for some time to make better preparation for the meetings.

Increases were reported in the number of organizations participating in the weeks of prayer.

The 1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions totaled \$6,121,585.14 while the 1958 Annie Armstrong for home missions was \$1,676,622.72. Miss Hunt expressed appreciation to pastors, educational di-

rectors, and others who have given its leaders opportunities to promote the weeks of prayer and their accompanying offerings.

Twenty-six churches had Honor WMUs in the Aims for Advancement recognition system. There was an increase of 1,510 in the total number of organizations receiving recognition as Approved, Advanced or Honor.

Enlarge Headquarters

Miss Hunt announced plans to enlarge the present headquarters building by adding two additional floors. The new floors will accommodate the WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band departments, art rooms, an assembly room, and library. Part of the space now occupied by these promotion departments will be used by the Business Division.

Jubilee Advance plans and goals were emphasized by Miss Hunt in making her report. She announced that the book Christian Living will be released July 1. W. M. U. is to be the church's evangelistic program and pre-revival prayer meetings in homes in keeping with the evangelistic emphasis in 1958-59.

She also told of two books authorized for 1959-60 on Leadership Training. New leadership course plans for class study and individual study are in process, Miss Hunt added.



ASSOCIATION—The Southern Baptist Press Association, W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record, is on back row, second from left.



CORNERSTONE LAYING—The cornerstone for the new James P. Boyce Library at Southern Seminary was laid in a special service last week in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention. From left is Dr. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, chairman of the trustees; Dr. Lee Crismon, Librarian; and Dr. Duke McCall, president.



MISSIONARIES APPOINTED—Many of the 137 newly-appointed missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board were presented to the Southern Convention on Wednesday night of last week at Louisville, Ky.

Encouraging Reports Mark 102nd Session Of Convention

Southern Baptist Convention messengers from more than 40 states were encouraged last week in Louisville as they listened to the reports of the Convention's Boards, Institutions and Commissions.

The reports in general for the past year, received by the body, showed substantial gains for the past year and pointed to progress for the future.

Highlights from the reports follow:

Executive Com. (Promotion)

Southern Baptists were asked to reaffirm their conviction that the Cooperative Program is "indispensable" in meeting the various state and worldwide missionary and benevolent needs of the denomination.

Foreign Mission Board

Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary, told the board to have 2000 missionaries under appointment by the end of 1964. The year 1964 climaxes the Baptist Jubilee Advance observation in North America.

Sunday School Bd.

The Sunday School Board reported to the Southern Baptist Convention that shipments of literature and supplies for the fourth quarter, 1959, are scheduled to be made from its new operations building in Nashville, Tenn.

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, executive secretary said, "This will be the first time that the board has been able to place all of its periodicals for one whole quarter on one floor prior to the busy season when volumes of literature are to be distributed to individual churches all over the world."

Home Mission Bd.

The Home Mission Board described its agency reorganization, which took effect Jan. 1,

in its report. Executive Secretary Courts R. Ford, Atlanta, said the reorganization "will provide many advantages both for the board and for the denomination."

R. & A. Board

Southern Baptist denominational workers holding certificates in one of the protection plans offered by the Relief and Annuity Board were paid more than \$2,400,000 in monthly benefits during 1958. R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board which has its home offices in Dallas, Tex., told messengers attending the Convention that this amount is the largest ever paid out in any one year.

Carver School

"Accreditation is the pressing problem and opportunity of the school," President Nathan C. Brooks Jr. of Carver School of Missions and Social Work told the Convention.

Golden Gate Sem.

"This year Golden Gate Seminary moves to its new campus on Strawberry Point, just north of the Golden Gate and the City of San Francisco," said President Harold K. Graves in giving the seminary's annual report.

"After June 1, our new address will be Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, California."

New Orleans Sem.

Endowment and building funds and a fifty per cent increase in faculty were among the goals outlined by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, newly installed president of New Orleans.

Dr. Eddleman, former president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., was elected president of New Orleans Seminary in November, 1958.

Southeastern Sem.

Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., reached another record enrollment this past year with admission of 752 students, President S. L. Stealey told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville. In

making his annual report to the Convention, he reviewed briefly the highlights of what he termed an "eventful year."

Southern Seminary

The role of Southern Seminary as "essentially a denominational institution," as set forth by James P. Boyce 100 years ago, was reaffirmed by President Duke K. McCall in his annual report.

The seminary's future course, he stressed, will be directed by the "controlling conviction" that the seminary can best serve "our Lord Jesus Christ by continuing in its privileged role as a denominational seminary whose basic convictions, ideals, and objectives are those shared by the Southern Baptist Convention."

Midwestern Sem.

Midwestern Seminary, closing its first year of operation, reported that it had an enrollment for the school year of 150 students all of whom are studying toward the bachelor of divinity degree.

The seminary is located at Kansas City, Mo. Its report was presented by Millard J. Berquist, president.

Southwestern Sem.

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., entered its annual report to the Convention around two things—its new president and one of its largest student bodies in the 51-year history. Its new president, fifth man to head the school since it was founded in 1908, is Robert Ernest Naylor.

Net enrollment for the 1958-59 session was 2,395, according to the report.

Seminary Extension Dept.

The Seminary Extension Department is supported jointly by the Southern Baptist theological seminaries. Its office is located in Jackson, Miss. "A number of changes have been experienced during the year," Lee Gallman,

director, said. The Negro extension work in Texas came under the Seminary Extension Department and is sponsored jointly by the Texas Christian Life Commission.

Foundation

The Southern Baptist Foundation, through Executive Secretary J. W. Storer of Nashville, reported total assets of \$3,392,195 in its presentation to the 1959 session of the Convention. These represent funds of Convention agencies which are invested or serviced during investment by the Foundation, and funds benefitting Baptist causes which have come through annuities, wills, etc.

Hospitals

During 1958, the two hospitals owned and operated by the Convention, gave care to 82,915 patients. This was reported by Frank Tripp, New Orleans, executive secretary-superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospitals. It was Tripp's 12th annual report—and final report—to the Convention, since Tripp is retiring from office.

Commission On American Sem.

A strengthened conviction that the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., was the major achievement contained in the report on the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The report was presented by L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, executive secretary of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Radio-TV Com.

"More than 5,000 Southern Baptist churches participated directly in this year's highly successful project combining dramatic television with personal visitation, and we anticipate twice that many next year."

This statement was made to the Convention by Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director, regarding a church-television tie-in never before utilized by a denomination.

Christian Life Commission

Five areas of interest were included in the report of the Christian Life Commission, presented by its executive secretary, A. C. Miller of Nashville.

The five were: traffic in obscene literature, problem of beverage alcohol, community tensions in human relations, the United Nations, and world peace.

Historical Com.

The report of the Historical Commission to the Convention will be last annual report presented by Executive Secretary Norman W. Cox of Nashville. Cox, who has headed the commission since Feb. 15, 1951, has announced his retirement effective Aug. 31, 1959.

Brotherhood Com.

"A growing tide of interest among men and boys in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work was evidenced throughout the Convention during 1958," Executive Secretary George W. Sch

The various special and standing committees of the Convention have an accounting of their stewardship to the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville last week.

Circulation of Baptist state newspapers has reached a total of 1,365,711 according to a report of the Committee on State Baptist Papers. Its report was presented Chairman Louie D. Newton of Atlanta.

This is approximately seven times greater than the combined circulations of papers in 1940, when Convention created the state paper committee. Circulations then totaled only 190,683, Newton said.

The current circulation figure is as of Feb. 1, 1959. It combines the circulations of 26 papers, most of them weekly; however, some few are published either twice a month or monthly.

Record Circulation

They range in circulation from 1350 for the Alaska Baptist Messenger to 349,000 for the Baptist Standard at Dallas, Tex. The Alabama Baptist, at Birmingham, with 100,036, and the Christian Index, at Atlanta, Ga., with 104,320, are the only others to surpass 100,000.

The Baptist Record, Mississippi, has a circulation of 91,260.

The committee on Denominational Calendar recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention add another meeting to its official calendar during 1960.

The meeting is the Sunday School Convention, scheduled in Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 29-31, Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, calendar committee chairman, said.

It also recommends adoption of a calendar for 1961, to be used as a "suggested guide for co-ordinated denominational activities and emphases." The calendar would carry the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme for that year, "Stewardship and Enlightenment."

Jubilee Advance

Make the year 1964 another year of evangelism and start the year 1960 with special prayer for the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

These were recommendations of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. The committee asked the 1959 Convention to appoint a Jubilee Advance Committee, composed of representatives from the various Southern Baptist agencies.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a joint observance by Baptists of the United States and Canada of an historic event in Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

During the Advance, each of six participating Baptist groups—whose combined memberships are between 19 and 20 million—have set special goals in church extension, evangelism, and missionary enterprise.

The Advance covers a six-year period climaxed in 1964.

Peace Committee Reports

The Committee on World

Peace of the Convention recommended that its work be carried on through the Christian Life Commission, and that the commission provide a "Non-Governmental Organizations Observer" at United Nations.

Education Com.

Rising costs and rising enrollment exerted pressures on colleges and universities operated by Southern Baptists last year, according to a report of the Convention's Education Commission. (The universities and colleges are not under jurisdiction of the commission, but under the state Baptist conventions and associations through their election of college trustees. The commission acts as a coordinating agency. Seminaries are separate SBC agencies).

Chaplains Com.

"Southern Baptist chaplains and military personnel continue to make an outstanding contribution to the program of world missions through the local churches at home and the native churches and missions abroad," Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, reported

Modern and highly complex church-state problems have become acute in the nation, according to the report of the Public Affairs Committee to the Convention. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is chairman of the committee.

This 15-member committee is elected by the Convention for the purpose of formulating a Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in Washington, D. C., composed of similar committees from six other national Baptist groups.

C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director of the Joint Committee.

Church-state problems arise, the Committee points out, by virtue of the growth of the church institutions in the fields of education and welfare while the activities of Government have grown in those same fields. "In seeking to keep both people and churches spiritually free many interrelationships must be analyzed and untangled," the Committee said.

Church-State Problem The recommendations were presented to the 1959 session of the Convention meeting in Louisville.

capital giving should be assigned to the Stewardship Commission.

That the Inter-Agency Council, a non-administrative council to help co-ordinate work of the agencies, include representatives from all Convention agencies.

Television Films That the Radio-Television Commission be the sole producer and distributor of films for television use.

Four recommendations presented were favored by the Convention but since no by-laws could be changed on the final day of the Convention, final action had to be deferred to 1960. These were:

That the Convention should commend state conventions that have appointed public affairs committees. It should encourage other states to set up such committees.

That the membership of the Committee on Public Affairs be specifically defined in Convention bylaws. A rewording of the bylaws describing membership of the committee is included in the recommendation.

That an organization manual on work of the Southern Baptist Convention be prepared by the Executive Committee.

Stewardship Body Rates That the name of the Relief and Annuity Board be changed to the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was pointed out that the Stewardship Commission can not come into existence immediately. It will require changes in existing bylaws of the Convention at a subsequent time. Also there is no budget provision for the Commission in 1959, nor in the 1960, nor in the 1960 budget just adopted by the Convention. (The proposed 1960 budget was drafted for submission to messengers prior to the Convention and the budget group and no way of anticipating the convention's vote. Likely date for Commission to be formed: 1961.

That agencies make wider use of facilities available through the Sunday School Board and that certain limits be imposed on materials which agencies may publish independently of the Sunday School Board.

That the Southern Baptist Foundation operate as a separate Convention agency and that those who would give trusts, bequests, and annuities to Baptist work be permitted to choose for themselves whether it will be administered through a state Baptist foundation or the SBC agency.

That the Southern Baptist Foundation should be relieved of all responsibility for promoting giving. Responsibility for developing and promoting a program of endowment and



SEMINARY PRESIDENTS—The presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries participated on the opening night program of the Southern Convention last week honoring Southern Seminary. From left: Dr. Robert Naylor, Southwestern; Dr. Millard Berquist, Midwestern; Dr. Duke McCall, Southern; Dr. Sydnor Stealey, Southeastern; Dr. Harold Graves, Golden Gate, and Dr. J. Leo Eddleman, New Orleans.



PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS—Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., (right) of Little Rock, who formerly pastored Mississippi churches, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference last week at the annual meeting in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Wayne Dehoney, of Jackson, Tenn., (left) was named vice-president.

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Louisville Convention Lively

A wide assortment of things kept the 102nd annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in a state of perpetual motion.

Louisville's housing shortage caused hundreds of messengers to have to commute daily from hotels and motels in other towns, some 75 miles away.

Within the city the related meetings of the week established a triangle of Baptist traffic—from the downtown hotels to the convention hall to the campus of Southern Seminary.

If the average messenger traveled as many as 20 miles per day in the fast shuffle last week—and that would be a conservative reading of the speedometer—then Southern Baptists ran up more than one million miles of driving within the limits of the host city.

The huge Exposition Center was a busy beehive of activity from early morning until late at night. Messenger registration reached almost 12,000, making it the fourth largest annual gathering in Southern Baptist history. Houston set the high mark in 1953 with 12,976.

Put thousands of socializing, fraternizing, organizing Baptists into a forty acre space anywhere and, you can depend on it, there will be a lot of sound and sometimes a little fury.

There was considerable debate. Differences arose on numerous matters. One or two messengers managed to get a lot of publicity by hurling brickbats in all directions. But in the midst of all the yea, yeas and nay, nays a number of very constructive actions were taken.

Generally speaking the spirit of the entire meeting was forward-looking and good. All of the miscellaneous business periods were too short and most of the night sessions were too long, but the whole thing averaged out to a reasonably decent affair.

The expression heard most frequently from the platform and the floor of the convention was, "Brother President, I move . . ."

And brother, we did!

Pray For Spain-Italy Mission

As this issue of the paper leaves Jackson on its way to you a group of Mississippians will be leaving to go overseas on a missions tour of Europe and the Near East.

The story of this adventure in direct missionary service is told on page one.

Thirty-eight people, including thirty Mississippians, will get a first-hand acquaintance with Baptist work abroad.

The most important section of the itinerary will be a simultaneous preaching mission June 21-28 in Spain and Italy. Three additional Mississippians will join the group for those days.

This will be the first evangelistic crusade of this sort conducted among the Baptist churches in these two countries. Missionaries and national leaders there are hopeful that this group of laymen and preachers will be helpful in kindling new soul-winning interest among the Spanish and Italian Baptists.

This is a working trip. The schedule is heavy. There are two main purposes in it: (1) to strengthen Baptist witness abroad, and (2) to bring home eye-witness accounts of the work being done abroad through the Cooperative Program.

Those of us who will be your representatives there will be strengthened by the knowledge of your prayers. Our Baptist brethren in both Spain and Italy are laboring faithfully under heavy persecution. Intercede for them at the throne of grace. Pray for this evangelistic crusade. In your private devotions and in the services of your church remember to ask God's blessings upon these Christian friends, particularly during this important effort.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

A man wrapped up in himself makes a pretty poor package.

The Church is not a society of the perfect, but of the admittedly imperfect. It is a fellowship of people who know they are sinners and wish they were not.—H. C. Meserve.

It is practically a law in life that when one door closes to us another opens. The trouble is that we often look with so much regret and longing upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened.—The Christian Science Monitor.

There ain't much fun in medicine, but there's a good deal of medicine in fun.

The Church is not a resting house for the saints, but a training center for service.—W. J. Werning.

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe.

Social service can put a new coat on a man, the grace of God alone can put a new man in the coat.

Judging others is a dangerous thing; not so much because you may make mistakes about them but because you may be revealing the truth about yourself.

Few things are more pathetic than the sight of one who has become so busy with the Lord's work that he has neglected the Lord Himself.—J. B. Chapman.

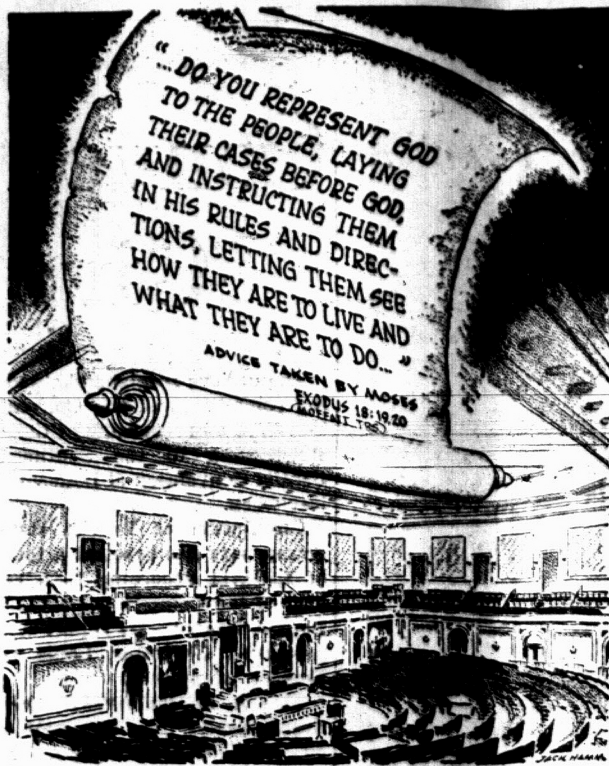
There are two ways to be rich—one is to have all you want, the other is to be satisfied with what you've got.

British Baptists Decline

LONDON (RNS)—Member of the Assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Enrollments in Baptist Sunday schools, the report said, also showed a drop of 21,000 in 1958, as compared to a loss of 18,742 the previous year.

The loss in membership was disclosed here in a report to



To The Democratic Law-Makers Of The World

19TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

MERCER SPARKS GEORGIA BAPTISTS TO ORGANIZE

POWELTON, Ga., April 30, 1803—(BP)—Recent successes as a result of co-operative effort have led Baptists to form here today the General Committee of Georgia Baptists. Twenty-four Baptist preachers attended the sessions, including such stalwarts as Jesse Mercer, Abraham Marshall, and Henry Holcombe.

Purpose of the Committee is threefold: (1) to encourage itinerant preaching; (2) to evangelize the Indians; (3) to organize Christian work throughout the state.

The meeting here this year is the third in a series of conferences at the Powelton Baptist Church, where Jesse Mercer is pastor. Mercer has been a leader in itinerant preaching, work among the Indians, and organizing Baptist churches.

Creek Indians
At the Powelton conferences ministers have pledged themselves to encourage itinerant preaching and to engage in this missionary work themselves. They also have sought to send missionaries to the Creek Indians and to establish English schools among the Indians as the first step in planting missions.

Around the turn of the century Baptist work was languishing in Georgia while other re-

ligious bodies were making inroads. Spurred by Mercer and others, preachers have gone out, usually two by two, to build up weak churches and to organize new ones.

Already Baptists are greatly revived, largely as a result of organized itinerant labors. In 1801, one association reported 388 converts. Last year baptisms totaled 1,050.

Mercer has traveled widely for the last several years, preaching, baptizing, organizing new churches and strengthening old ones, and encouraging ministers. All four churches which Mercer serves as pastor showed gains last year, totaling 149 converts.

Son of Silas
Jesse is the son of Silas Mercer, another famous Baptist leader. Born in North Carolina, Jesse came to Georgia with his parents while still an infant. He was baptized by his father when he was eighteen and began to preach almost immediately. He first conducted prayer meetings in the log cabin of his grandmother.

Although his own formal schooling has been limited, Mercer has gained stature among Baptists as a scholar and theologian and has shown an interest in better theological training for ministers.

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New Books

A HANDBOOK OF CHURCH PUBLIC RELATIONS by Ralph Stoddy (Abingdon, 255 pp., \$4.00)—A rich store of helpful, practical ideas for implementing the work of the church through channels that are open to all but used by few; a book that will broaden the ministry of any pastor and increase the effectiveness of any church.

PARALLEL EDITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (Nelson, 527 pp., \$3.50)—a handy volume presenting the King James Version and the new Revised Standard Version in Columns, side-by-side.

TEACHER'S NEW TESTAMENT (Baker, 656 pp., \$3.95)—Notes and helps alongside the passages provide insights from some competent Bible scholars, a compact, ready-reference volume.

JESUS SPEAKS AGAIN by Robert Lee Daugherty (Christopher, 98 pp., \$2.50)—the author, to get his message across, chooses the unusual literary technique of putting the words into the mouth of Jesus, an imaginative, perhaps presumptuous method, but stimulating.

PASSPORT TO PARADISE by Duncan H. Macfarlane (Vantage, 106 pp., \$2.95)—a book of bright and hopeful messages by a Canadian pastor.

FAITH AND IMMORTALITY by Richard A. Kemp (Vantage, 81 pp., \$2.50)—sermons by an eighty year old Southern Baptist who was ordained after retirement from his lifetime work

The Baptist Forum

Baptists In Britain

Our church under the ministry of the Rev. Godfrey Robinson continues to thrive and grow. The membership is well

over 400 now. We had 40 baptisms last year and have the church practically filled each Sunday.

Last November we as a church completed our big building programme — extended school building, re-decorated, and built extra rooms on. For all this blessing we thank God. Also we contributed to missionary activities 1,700 pounds, a record in the history of the church and the fourth highest individual Baptist church contribution in Great Britain.

The Southern Baptist Record we have found very interesting and inspiring. My, you do things on the grand scale! We have passed them on to several of our friends to read.

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Pages

From The Past

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION NUMBER (Continued)

The Saturday sessions were taken up with the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Southern Seminary. Faculty, trustees and student body marched from Norton Hall to the Armory. A life-sized oil painting of Dr. J. P. Boyce, first president of the Seminary, was unveiled. In the fifty years 3,000 students had received instruction there, and gone to all parts of the world. Dr. E. C. Dargan on presenting the portrait as the Convention stood, spoke "in the highest terms of the greatness of soul and of brain of Dr. Boyce." One of the trustees of the Seminary spoke of the institution as largely the gift of the heart, the brain and labors of Boyce to Southern Baptists, saying "This is the great workshop ordained of God where the 'chosen' are made meet for the Master's use." President Mullins then spoke briefly of the progress of raising \$600,000 endowment; and Dr. W. E. Hatcher of Virginia broke in with the announcement of a collection being in order to raise \$60,000 of it for a chair of pedagogy, and in a brief time \$113,176 were in hand in cash and subscriptions.

There followed in the Armory (instead of at Cave Hill Cemetery, because of rain) a memorial service for Dr. T. T. Eaton with six thousand people present to head a man of flesh and blood almost immortalized. Dr. A. C. Dixon, a close friend of Eaton, delivered the oration which pictured a man of sterling character, stupendous labors and an undivided loyalty to his Lord and Master. The closing words ran, "And I can think of T. T. Eaton in heaven only engaged in higher and holier service for the Lord he loves, while he still lives and works on earth in the hearts and lives of thousands through his oration."

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

TIED TO HUSBAND'S MOTHER

QUESTION: For 20 years my husband has forced me and my children to live in the home of his mother. It has been nothing but torture

and abuse. If he loved me would he not provide us a home of his own? Is it a sin for me to divorce him so that we can have peace and quiet? I want your honest answer for I am at my wits end.

ANSWER: You have been at the end of your wits for a long time seems to me.

Your husband has violated one of the basic rules of family life: "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife" (Matt. 19:5) He never joined you. And he certainly never lift his mother.

Honestly, I do not know whether or not it would be a sin to divorce him. You have stood it for 20 years; maybe you could make it 20 more. Personally, I don't think I could have, or would have, stood it as long as you have.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri).

Family Night

On Saturday night, May 16, Family Night was observed at Oak Grove Church in Yazoo County.

Rev. Roy Myers, pastor of Trinity Church, Vicksburg, was the speaker.

Rev. Gene Horn, pastor, reports that supper was served at the church.

Preachers 'Prisoners'

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (RNS)—Preachers are "in large part prisoners of accredited mediocrity," Prof. Joseph Sittler of the University of Chicago declared in the annual Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity school here.

Thousands of American ministers are being "chopped up into small pieces" for the promotional purposes of churches, he said.

Calendar of Prayer

June 1 — Katherine Bearden, R. S. H. Director, Church Extension Society, and the Rev. Moore, Gilkey School of Nursing faculty.

June 2 — Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., Northeast area missionary; J. Olin Shows, Baptist Orphanage staff.

June 3 — Walter Boland, Trustee, Blue Mountain College; James Breland, B. S. U. Director, Delta State College.

June 4 — George Kirk, Yazoo Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.; C. C. Randall, Zion Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.

June 5 — Neta Stewart, Baptist Building; Mrs. T. J. Temple, Baptist Building.

June 6 — Homer Cupit, Union Assoc. Training Union Director; Frank Shaffner, Tishomingo Assoc. T. U. Director.

June 7 — Leon Mathis, Tippah Assoc. T. U. Director; Billy R. Green, Tate Assoc. T. U. Director.

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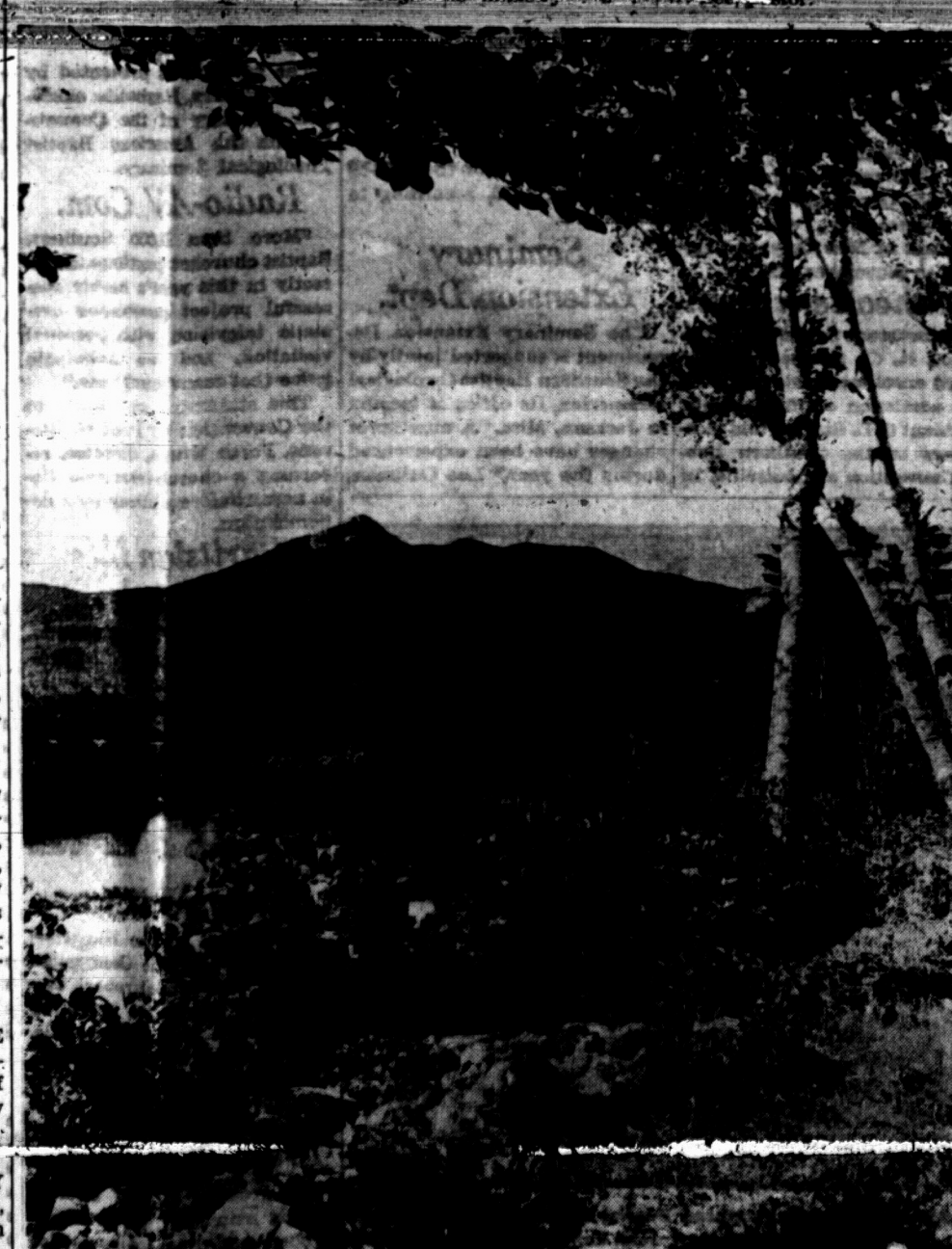
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THE WONDERS OF GOD—"I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be raised up." Is. 40:11 (RNS)—Religious News Service Photo.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

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Cauthen Discusses Plans for Advance

"God has wrought remarkably in advance in world missions," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, in his report to the Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting. Then he summarized plans both for geographical advance and for the strengthening of work within countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are already serving.

He and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, will visit Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will visit Africa this summer to make careful studies of some of the areas of that continent where Southern Baptists have not yet labored.

"We are particularly concerned about vast areas in French West Africa, as well as large sections under Portuguese government," Dr. Cauthen said. "We are also aware of the very large section in Northern Nigeria where only a limited work has been undertaken by our missionaries. The time should come when we will have mission work over a much wider area of Africa than we now serve."

"And we should have far more extensive mission work in the Middle East. Our attention has been called to the importance of strengthening work among Moslem people. A Christian doctor from Iran told us recently that with the growth of education in his country, people are now reading the Koran for themselves and are being impressed with its inadequacy for man's spiritual need."

"We must not overlook that Pakistan, with 85,000,000 people, represents one of the largest countries where we serve. At present our work is limited to East Pakistan, but the time will come when we must project work in West Pakistan as well."

"We are also aware that advance is not merely on a geographical basis. In many countries, particularly those of Latin America, we have already established beachheads; but these

throughout the country in religious lecture work and youth counseling in schools and churches."

beachheads merely represent points of entry. The opportunity in Latin America becomes increasingly encouraging as religious liberty becomes more recognized and the message of Christ is more widely understood."

Reports of Baptisms Leak From Red China

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, has just returned from a trip which took him to six countries of the Far East. His report to the Board at its May meeting was concerned with information about current conditions in Red China which he received while in Hong Kong. Excerpts from Dr. Crawley's report follow:

"Up until about 10 years ago China had been the main Southern Baptist mission field with approximately one third of the entire missionary staff. That country had the largest church membership, the strongest institutions, and the most mature church and convention development of any field. Now there are no Southern Baptist missionaries in China, and only very limited information on which to base an estimate of the situation."

"Christianity in China has suffered seriously during the past 10 years. The full story cannot be known because we have no direct lines of contact with Christians there. Information comes to us only indirectly and piecemeal. There have been many fluctuations in the policy of the Chinese Communist government toward Christianity, and many local variations in the application of that policy. Therefore, the picture is a very spotty one."

"The policy of Communist China toward Christianity has been mainly along the line of controlling the churches and using them for the support of Communist political and economic policies. This poses a very real dilemma for Christians. Communist pressures are often exercised in a subtle way, which affords little opportunity for a clear stand on obvious moral and spiritual issues. Certainly no one on the outside is in a position to judge the decisions made by our Chinese brethren under such conditions."

"I do not dare hazard a prediction concerning the political future of mainland China. Certainly for the present and the immediate future, under Communist control, individual Christians and churches will face serious pressures and restrictions. At the same time, we have grounds for rejoicing concerning our Christian brethren in China. Though our missionaries cannot be there, the churches are still there, and the gospel is being preached. While in Hong Kong I received definite information concerning one Baptist church which baptized about 50 people this spring. Such reports give us grounds for continuing hope—hope that rests in the assurance that our Lord is still at work in China."

Homecoming Day At Liberty (Car.)

There will be Homecoming Day celebration at Liberty Church at Jefferson in Carroll County, according to Mrs. Dora Cochran.

She states that all former pastors, members, and people who formerly lived in the Jefferson Community are invited.



THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIGIOUS Education Association elected officers at its annual meeting held last week in Louisville. From left: seated, R. Othel Feather, Fort Worth, vice-president; Miss Grace Knowlton, Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer, (re-elected); and Findley B. Edge, Louisville, president. Standing, James Whaley, Middletown, Ky., vice-president, and S. C. Ray, Greensboro, N. C., vice-president.



DR. STANLEY WILLIAMSON is shown above leading a discussion of the pastors in one of the sessions held at Eastlawn Church in Jackson County during the recent Pastor-Led Sunday School Department Enlargement Campaign.

Campaign Results In 58 SS Departments

A total of 107 new classes and 58 new departments were added to the 17 Sunday Schools that participated in the Pastor-Led Sunday School Enlargement Campaign of the Jackson County Association May 10-15. This brings the organizations to 663 classes and 208 departments, with 1021 workers. Of this number of workers, 224 were added during the Enlargement Campaign.

The Censuses showed 5944 prospects for these 17 Churches. There are 6331 people presently enrolled in Sunday School in these Churches.

Dr. Stanley Williamson, Director of Associational work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, was director of the Associational Wide Program. Mr. Williamson was assisted by Bryant Cummings, Secretary of the State Sunday School Department, and by Joe Haynes, Associate to Mr. Cummings.

Each pastor led the class sessions in their own Church each evening.

This program in Jackson Association is considered a pilot program for Mississippi. Several other programs are anticipated for the state during this year.

Present to observe the program were Lloyd Barnes, Church Records consultant of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. Roger Skelton, Superintendent of Training, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions, Hinds Association, Mr. Chester Vaughn, Educational Director, First Church, Hattiesburg, P. A. Michaels, Educational Director, First Church, Meridian.

Churches participating in the Campaign and pastors are: Bellefountain, Howard Davis; Calvary, Byron Mathis; Eastlawn, W. T. Carlson; East Moss Point, Paul Leber; Eastside, Montie A. Davis; Four Mile Creek, Ray Fullilove; Griffin Street, Ernest Rockwell; Jackson Avenue, W. L. Barton; Kreole, First, Claude H. Fortenberry; Moss Point, First, Van H. Hardin; Ocean Springs First, James G. Haggard; Pascagoula First, Eugene L. Skelton; Riverside, C. R. Simpson; Pineview, L. G. Camp, Jr.; Unity, Galen Irby; Vancleave, Hal Lee, Jr.; Wade, P. D. Lot.

Indian Springs To Observe 105th Anniversary

Indian Springs Church, Laurel, will observe its 105th anniversary May 31. Lunch will be served in the church basement. A special afternoon service has been planned which will begin at 1:30.

Dr. W. Lowrey Compere, president of Clarke College, is to be the guest speaker for this service, and Cecil Harper, Minister of Music and Education at West Laurel Church, and a group from that church will provide special music.

On this day the church plans to raise the money to pay off the balance of its indebtedness so that work can begin on a new pastorial. Everyone having an interest in this church is invited to this anniversary celebration, according to Rev. Robert Holifield, pastor.



Rev. Wayne Riley

Center Ridge Pastor Ordained

Rev. Wayne Riley, who was recently called as pastor of the Center Ridge Church in Clark County, was ordained to the full-time Gospel ministry at Rolling Creek Church (Clark) April 26.

Rev. E. C. Moss, Rolling Creek pastor, directed the service, with Rev. Duane Williamson preaching the ordination sermon. Rev. W. L. Meadows gave the charge to the candidate and Mr. J. T. Crocker presented the Bible.

M. S. RILEY MOVES TO UTAH

Rev. Marion S. Riley has resigned the pastorate of Siden Church to accept an appointment from the Home Mission Board as a mission pastor, to serve in the Salt Lake City area.

He and his family will move to Utah, buy a home, and begin their new work on June 1.

Rev. Riley has served as pastor of several Mississippi churches, attended Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Both he and Mrs. Riley are Baptist ministers' children. They have two daughters and a son.

HOLMES COUNTY HYMN SING

Holmes County Hymn Sing will be held at Tehula Church on May 31 at 2:30 p. m., according to Mrs. R. A. Herrington, Holmes County Music Director.

A County Music School will be held at Tehula Church June 1-5. Ralph Carrol, Holmes Junior College, will teach Practical Music Lessons Part I; Dr. R. A. Herrington, pastor at Goodman, will teach Music in the Bible; and Mrs. R. A. Herrington, of Goodman, will teach Technique of Conducting.

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Bus To Ridgecrest

Gladys Bryant, Baptist Student Union Director at Itawamba Junior College, Fulton, reports that the Baptist Student Union has leased a bus from the school to take 28 people to Ridgecrest for BSU Week.

"This is by far the largest group we have taken from our campus and this area of Mississippi," says Miss Bryant. "Stu-



DR. CHESTER SWOR, of 235 Mt. Vernon, Jackson, will give the baccalaureate sermon at Mississippi College in the 11 o'clock services in Nelson Hall, May 31. Receiving his A. B. degree from Mississippi College in 1929, he has for several years traveled

denents from Northeast Junior College and from churches in the area are making the trip with us. Most of the group will be in school at Itawamba next fall."

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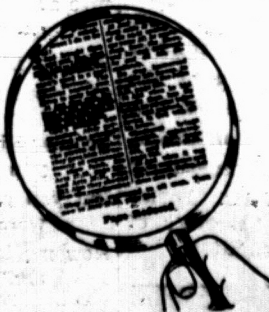
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WILLIAM CAREY STUDENT BODY OFFICERS for the 1959-60 session have been elected and are shown above seated, left to right: Rosalind Guynes, Crystal Springs, treasurer; Joe Pinson, Lyman, president; Jeanette Herrington, Laurel, Women's Affairs Board President; Georgia Parnell, Sardis, secretary. Standing, left to right: Milton Wheeler, Mobile, Ala., Editor of the "Iance"; Tom Hamby, Mobile, Ala., Men's Affairs Board president; John Ellzey, Hattiesburg, Day Student Representative. President Joe Pinson, a Junior majoring in physical education, is an outstanding athlete. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pinson.

Sunday School Department

BRYANT M. CUMMINGS, SECRETARY

ONE NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETINGS

September 7, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Adams	Immanuel	Natchez	Rev. Ralph Winders
Benton	Ashland	Ashland	Mr. Geo. V. Egmond
Chickasaw	Houston, First	Houston	Rev. L. F. Haire
Choctaw	Ackerman	Ackerman	Rev. Ben Scarbrough
Clarke	Quitman	Quitman	Rev. Troy Prince
Clay	West Point, 1st	West Point	Rev. R. B. Patterson
Copiah	Hazlehurst, 1st	Hazlehurst	Dr. J. C. Hensley
Covington	Collins	Collins	Rev. W. P. Young
Franklin	Bude	Bude	(Not Confirmed)
George	Lucedale	Lucedale	Rev. James Harrell
Greene	Leakesville	Leakesville	Rev. L. Newman
Humphreys	Belzoni, 1st	Belzoni	Mr. Horace Kerr
Itawamba	Trinity	Fulton	Rev. Guy Graham
Jeff-Davis	Prentiss	Prentiss	Mr. Chester Vaughn
Kemper	DeKalb	DeKalb	Rev. Lester James
Lamar	Purvis	Purvis	Rev. Marvin K. Lee
Lee	Harrisburg	Tupelo	Rev. Geo. Nichols
Leflore	Itta Bena, 1st	Itta Bena	Rev. D. O. Horne
Lowndes	East End	Columbus	Rev. H. V. Bryant
Madison	Canton, 1st	Canton	Rev. Joe Abrams
Montgomery	Winona, 1st	Winona	Rev. E. P. Burke
Noxubee	Macon	Macon	Rev. W. B. Boatner
Oktibbeha	Emmanuel	Starkville	Rev. A. R. Smith
Perry	New Augusta	New Augusta	(Not Confirmed)
Pike	Magnolia, 1st	Magnolia	Rev. Curtis Sanders
Prentiss	Booneville, 1st	Booneville	Rev. Norris Hickman
Rankin	Brandon	Brandon	Rev. Grady Smith
Scott	Forest	Forest	Rev. A. G. Smith
Sharkey-Issa	Roll Fork, 1st	Rolling Fork	Mr. Dwayne Zimmer
Simpson	Mendenhall, 1st	Mendenhall	Rev. Virgil Ratcliff
Smith	Raleigh	Raleigh	Rev. G. E. Jolly
Sunflower	Ruleville	Ruleville	Rev. Martin Gilbert
Tate	Senatobia, 1st	Senatobia	Rev. James Redding
Tippah	Ripley	Ripley	Rev. Billy Cutler
Union	Port Gibson	Port Gibson	Mr. Carl Kosanke
Union Co.	New Albany, 1st	New Albany	(Not Confirmed)
Yalobusha	Unionville	Unionville	Rev. J. W. Oliver
Yazoo	Walthall	Coffeeville	Rev. Bob Lynch

September 8, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Attala	Kosciusko, 1st	Kosciusko	Rev. H. H. Ward
Calhoun	Pittsboro	Pittsboro	Rev. L. F. Haire
Carroll	Carrollton	Carrollton	Rev. E. P. Burke
DeSoto	Hernando	Hernando	Rev. Jas. Redding
Grenada	Emmanuel	Grenada	Rev. R. B. Patterson
Hinds	Ass'n. Office	Jackson	Rev. J. C. Hensley
Jackson	Gautier, 1st	Gautier	Rev. James Harrell
Jasper	Bay Springs	Bay Springs	Rev. G. E. Jolly
Jones	Ellisville, 1st	Ellisville	Mr. Alton Yarbrough
Lauderdale	Fifteenth Ave.	Meridian	Rev. Troy Prince
Lawrence	Monticello	Monticello	Rev. E. L. Howell
Leake	Carthage, 1st	Carthage	Rev. Virgil Ratcliff
Lebanon	Hattiesburg, 1st	Hattiesburg	Rev. L. Newman
Lincoln	Easthaven	Brookhaven	Mr. Charles Tidwell
Marion	Columbia, 1st	Columbia	Rev. Curtis Sanders
Mississippi	Galilee	Gloster	Rev. R. L. Mefford
Monroe	Aberdeen, 1st	Aberdeen	Mr. Robert Taylor
Neshoba	Beacon Street	Philadelphia	Rev. W. B. Boatner
Newton	Clarke-Venable	Newton	Rev. A. G. Smith
Panola	Batesville, 1st	Batesville	Rev. Bob Lynch
Pontotoc	West Heights	Pontotoc	Rev. Norris Hickman
Riverside	Marks, 1st	Marks	Rev. Martin Gilbert
Tallahatchie	Charleston	Charleston	Mr. B. Cummings
Tishomingo	Iuka	Iuka	Rev. E. Tennison
Walthall	Tylertown	Tylertown	Rev. Marvin K. Lee
Warren	Bowmar Ave.	Vicksburg	Rev. Ralph Winders
Wayne	Waynesboro 1st	Waynesboro	Rev. Billy Cuthrell
Winston	So. Louisville	Louisville	Rev. H. V. Bryant
Yazoo	Yazoo City, 1st	Yazoo City	Rev. Joe Abrams
Zion	Walthall	Walthall	Rev. A. R. Smith

September 10, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Alcorn	Tate Street	Corinth	Rev. Earl Warford
Bolivar	Calvary	Cleveland	Rev. J. W. Oliver
Holmes	Lexington	Lexington	Rev. H. H. Ward

September 11, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Pearl River	McNeill	McNeill	Rev. O. B. Anderson

September 14, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Gulf Coast	Grace Memo.	Gulfport	Rev. O. B. Anderson

October 27, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Lafayette	Oxford, 1st	Oxford	Rev. John B. Laney

October 27, 1959			
Ass'n.	Church	Place	Leader
Shannon	Holly Sprgs, 1st	Holly Sprgs.	Rev. John B. Laney

Problems Of High School Marriages Are Pointed

By GEO. W. RIDDLE

The increasing trend toward high school marriages is a serious symptom of a breakdown in the American home. Quite a few of these marriages are elopements, indicating a lessening of respect for parental authority and family relationships. Home life is so intertwined in the fabric of Christian society that a searching look is in order to see what may be done.

Little is to be gained by a debate as to which groups are the more responsible. The problem strikes across economic and social lines, and affects every community. Preachers, teachers, parents, community leaders and young people are all concerned with a Christian answer to this problem.

Problem Is Burden

The ministers of one city became burdened about this problem and resolved to do something about it. A committee for the Ministerial Alliance met with the city school board to discuss the problem, with the following results:

(1) The school board was fortified in taking a more positive position.

(2) The public was aroused, and the home as an institution at least became aware that a serious disease had infected the area.

Should Take Steps

(3) The churches were enlisted, so that stronger preaching and teaching on the sanctity of marriage and the home was the result.

(4) The number of high school marriages in that community was reduced substantially.

It would be well if pastors and other church leaders would look about and see if there are not constructive steps which can be taken to contribute a solution. Every Christian should be vitally interested in a stabler home life as a firm foundation for a Christian society.

Bethsaida Calls H. P. McDonald

Rev. Homer P. McDonald has begun work as pastor of the Bethsaida Church in Montgomery County, near Kilmichael. Rev. McDonald began his duties at this half-time church on May 1.

Hunke Associate Arizona Secretary

PHOENIX — (BP) — E. W. Hunke, Jr., was named associate executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona in a called March meeting of the convention executive board here.

Charles L. McKay is executive secretary.

Argie R. Windham Moves To McCool

Rev. Argie R. Windham has recently resigned Mt. Pleasant Church in Holmes County and New Hope Church in Attala County to assume full-time duties at the McCool Church at McCool.

Mr. Windham had served the New Hope Church for three years and during that time 21 additions were made to the church for baptism and a number by letter. The church put a new roof on its present building and also had made plans to remodel the auditorium.

The work in the Mt. Pleasant Church was also noteworthy, with eight additions for baptism and a number by letter. During the recent revival at Mt. Pleasant 46 people dedicated their

lives to Christ. The present 3-bed-room brick veneer pastor's home was erected while Mr. Windham served this church as pastor. Mr. Windham served the Mt. Pleasant Church for almost two years.

McCool Church welcomed the pastor and family with a shower on the first Wednesday evening that they were on the field.

Mr. Windham will also continue to serve the North Union Church in Attala County. The North Union Church has recently become a member of the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Mr. Windham is married to the former Mary Ann Nix of Scooba; they have one daughter, Teresa Gay, 19 months. Mrs. Windham is the daughter of the late Prof. A. L. Nix of Scooba and Mr. Windham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Windham of Bay Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Windham are graduates of Mississippi College.

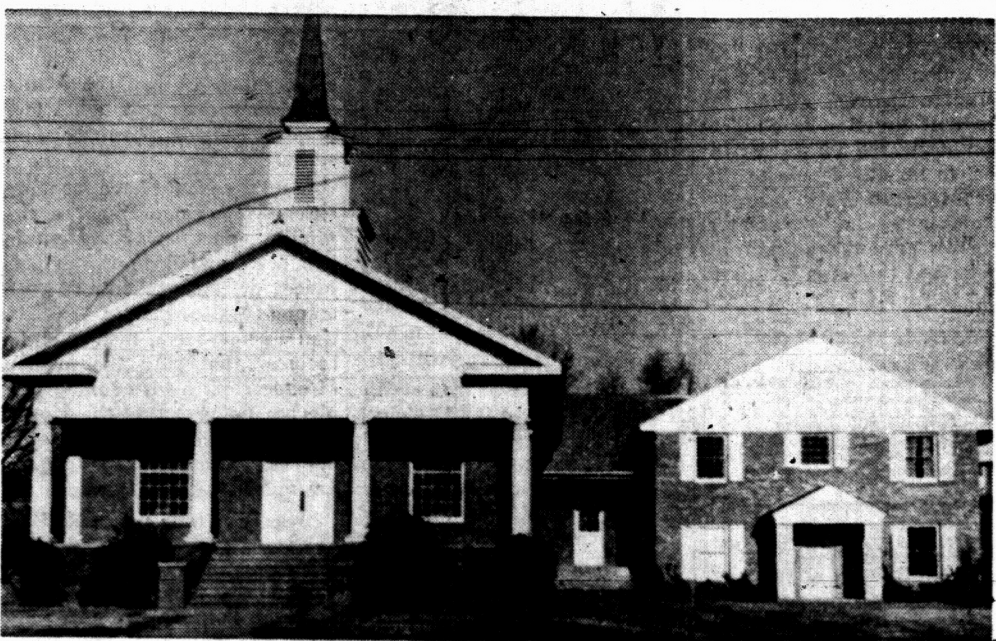


MUSIC OFFICERS—The Southern Baptist Music Conference elected officers at its annual meeting last week in Louisville. From left: standing, Paul McCommon, Atlanta, outgoing president; Eugene Quinn, Middletown, Ky., vice-president. Seated: Dwight Phillips, Texarkana, Texas, president; Miss Nadeen Brookshire, Dallas, secretary; and Paul Bobbitt, Owensboro, Ky., vice-president.

KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



SIX CAREY COLLEGE STUDENTS will be serving during the summer under the Home Mission Board in five states; two will be serving as counselors for the Girls' Auxiliary at Camp Garaywa. Left to right (in the picture): Georgia Parnell of Sardis, Camp Garaywa; June Rieben, Bay Minette, Ala.—California; Hazel Prestridge, Magnolia—California; Patsy Hughes, Mobila, Ala.—Colorado; Alice Dominick, Gloster—Florida; Pat Kerr, Meridian—Camp Garaywa; Buck Ward, Columbia—Ohio. Bill Osborn, Charleston (not in picture) will serve in New Mexico.



MABON HOMECOMING—First Church, Mabon, plans Homecoming Day Sunday, May 31. After the Morning Service there will be lunch served at the Church Park. The Mabon Church was organized in 1891 with 17 members; today she has a membership of 253. The church was organized in the local school house. In 1893 the first building was completed; today the church is in its third building with property valued at \$100,000.00. Rev. Robert L. Jordan is pastor.



THE GIRLS' AUXILIARY of Calvary Church, Greenwood, were presented to the church in a Presentation Service May 13. With twelve junior girls participating. From left to right, first row: Louise Daves, Patsy Makamson, Regina Thaxton, Betty Brown, Annette Milam, Joy Duckett, Judy Clark, Miss Betty Sue Smith, G. A. Director. Second row: Mrs. William Lynchard, Counselor, Diane Farrish, Peggy Byrd, Chris Murphree, Rebecca Smith, Mrs. T. H. Donaldson, Counselor, and Nancy McAdory. Rev. Wilburn Matthews is pastor.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Robert G. Capra, pastor of Fee Fee Church, St. Louis, and president of the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board was elected to the position of assistant director of Co-operative Program promotion, in the office of the secretary of stewardship promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee.

My Dear Parson

It seems as if it were yesterday, Brother Bill, that I heard you say,

"We are glad to have you in our church

For we need you to help with our work."

Brother Bill, I tried not to love you at first

But you even loved me at my worst.

Now my love for you is strong and real

But now you have left for another field.

In Puerto Rico I hope you find peace and rest.

For whom God loves, He will bless.

Never forget me, Brother Bill, And continue on in God's will.

You've had trouble, worry and pain,

But some day your loss will all be gain.

When you get discouraged, sad and blue,

Remember there is one love

One in Christ (Paid)

(The above is written in honor of Rev. W. H. Slaymaker, who has resigned the pastorate at Union Hall Church to accept new duties in Puerto Rico.)

Accepts Work In Puerto Rico

Rev. W. H. Slaymaker has resigned the pastorate of the Union Hall Church and has gone to Puerto Rico, where he will take up new duties.

Rev. Slaymaker, who has been pastor at Union Hall for the past five years, may now be addressed at Box 224, Roosevelt, Puerto Rico.

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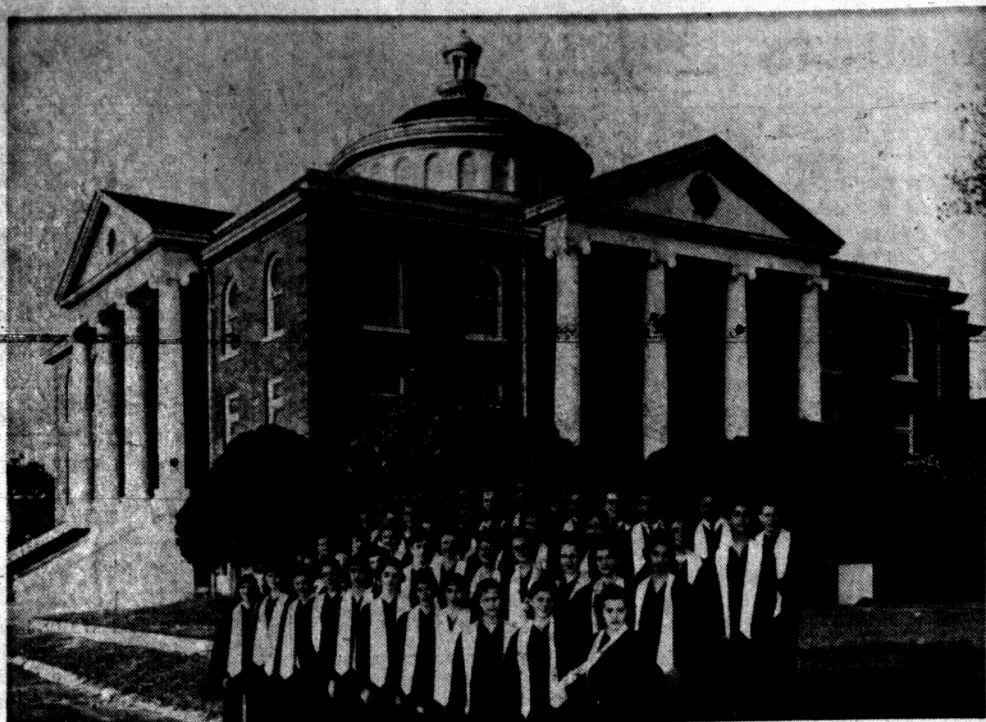
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CONCORD CHOIR of First Church, Gulfport, is to be presented in a Mississippi Summer Tour beginning Saturday, June 6. This choir, in its second year of organization, will travel the entire length of the state in reaching churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The choir is under the direction of James Dooley, Minister of Music, and is accompanied by Miss June Earrest. Dr. Landrum P. Leavell is pastor.

Gulfport Concord Choir On Mississippi Tour

The Concord Choir of First Church, Gulfport, will be heard in Sacred Concert in five Mississippi Baptist Convention churches June 6-10.

The traveling group includes 46 choir members, all intermediate age singers.

Tour Director is Rev. Bill Baker, Associate Pastor and Youth Director, and Tour Assistants are Karen Miller, Larry Hinman, and Bert Adams.

On Sunday morning June 7, the choir will present a program of sacred music at First Church, Charleston. In the evening, they will sing at Olive Branch Church, Rev. Robbie Harris, pastor. After a morning and afternoon in Memphis, the choir travels to Pontotoc for an evening program at First Church, Rev. Tom Douglas, pastor.

Tuesday evening the choir will be heard at the Calvary Church, Tupelo, Rev. W. L. Day, pastor. On Wednesday the choir tours to Moss Point where they will be presented at First Church, Rev. Van Hardin, pastor.

The choir is in its second year of organization and the average age of its membership is fourteen.

The program consists of concert arrangements of anthems and hymns, Negro Spirituals, and organ-piano duos played by the choir accompanist, Miss June Earnest, and Mrs. James Dooley.

Furman Building New Auditorium

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(BP)—Groundbreaking and construction of Furman University's McAlister Auditorium is scheduled to begin in the immediate future, President John L. Plyler announced.

The auditorium will seat more than 2,000 people, and will be completely air-conditioned. It will provide facilities for general meetings and for large-scale dramatic and musical productions.

OMER BERRY DIES AT MAGEE

Omer E. Berry died at Magee Hospital, Magee, on May 2, 1958. An esteemed member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Simpson County since early childhood, he was 87.

Mr. Berry's wife, Laura, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, send the following as a tribute to him:

"Doctors, nurses, medical science, loved ones at his bedside, did all they could.

"Often a silent tear falls now, but we always have a beautiful memory of one we loved so dear. Though God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

"A useful and beautiful life that came to an end; he died as he lived, everyone's friend."

DEVOTIONAL

Is Sincerity Enough?

By AL COLLINS, Pastor
First, Booneville

"It doesn't matter what you believe, just as long as you're sincere about it."

This is a statement all of us have heard (or have you been guilty of making it?) And we who call ourselves thinking individuals say such things. Examine this deadly doctrine that is far too common among us.

A little boy aims his rifle at a sparrow; the fact he really meant to shoot the bird does not restore sight to his playmate.

A man reaches for his medicine in the middle of the night; the fact he is sincere does not alter the makeup of the poison that he swallows.

Another man searches for a god, even worships freely his choice of anything (stars, rivers, clay, brass, even his own mind); the fact he is sincere does not save him.

Is sincerity enough?

According to The Bible

Not according to my Bible!

Sincerity is to be admired, yes. But sincerity in error does not make error right. There is only one Truth. It is He who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6).

We may have our ideas, and consequently our own gods, and we may be sincere about them, but "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Neither is there salvation in any other." (Acts 4:12).

Friends, it does make a difference what we believe. It makes all the difference in the world for now and eternity. We'd better realize it, and we'd better be busy sharing the real truth with others.



McCLELLAN HONORED—Dr. and Mrs. Albert McClellan were presented with a silver service at the meeting last week in Louisville of the Southern Baptist Press Association. Dr. McClellan, who has just completed 10 years of service as Director of Publications for the Executive Committee, and who will in the future be Program Planning Secretary for the Committee, was honored for his record of outstanding service to the editors and publications.

Dr. R. T. Daniel Passes Away

Dr. R. T. Daniel, 55, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Seminary, died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds on Saturday morning, May 16.

Dr. Daniel had been in ill health for more than a year and was to have entered Duke Hospital on the day of his death.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alberta Carl Daniel; two sons: Carl R. Daniel of the U. S. Navy, and Lee B. Daniel of the home; his father, T. S. Daniel and four brothers: Joseph W., Russell, and Thomas Daniel, all of Orlando, Florida, and Burdette Daniel of Thomaston, Georgia; and a sister, Mrs. Iris Gengie of Orlando, Florida.

Funeral services were conducted in the Seminary Chapel. Interment was in Wake Forest in the Southeastern Faculty Cemetery.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)—Ground was broken here for the

East Franklin Organizes

East Franklin Youth Fellowship was organized on May 1, by the pastors, young people, and adult sponsors of several Baptist churches in East Franklin County. The churches are Concord, Damascus, Eddiceton, Lucien, and New Salem. This program will be conducted every Friday night throughout the summer, at Lucien. The first meeting is planned at 7:00 p. m. for June 5.

Each activity of the organization will be directed by or for the young people between ages of 9 to 21. It will include the three basic R's in a young person's life: religion, recreation, and refreshment. Lights and facilities for basketball, volleyball, badminton, teetherball, horse shoes, and party games are to be installed for this fellowship.

first dwelling to be built at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's golden age home. The site is located east of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

436 BILLION CIGARETTES SMOKED DURING 1958

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Americans smoked more than 436 billion cigarettes during 1958, an all-time record, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported here.

This represents an increase of 27 billion over the previous record of 409 billion cigarettes consumed in 1957. It is nearly three times the 157 billion total smoked in 1939.

In addition to domestic consumption, the United States sent 13,400,000,000 cigarettes to members of the armed forces overseas, exported 2,200,000,000

cigarettes to Puerto Rico and shipped more than 18 billion cigarettes to foreign countries, which was also a new record, breaking the previous export mark by more than one billion.

Morrison Heights Sets Anniversary

Morrison Heights Church of Clinton will observe its first anniversary on Sunday, June 14, by moving into the new church building and beginning a revival meeting.

In the meantime, members are undertaking a fund campaign to raise \$5,000 to fully equip the building.

The church was begun as a mission of the Clinton Baptist Church on January 5, 1958, with 30 charter members. On June 15th of that year it was constituted as a church with a membership of 126.

Present membership is 224 with a goal of 250 set for Anniversary Day.

Since the beginning, until recently, the church has occupied two large tents on the site of the new building. A storm a few weeks ago destroyed one of the tents, furnished by the Hinds County Baptist Assn., and seriously damaged the other.

The other one was blown down by high winds on Friday night of last week.

The loss of the tents caused an early use of the incomplete building and all the Sunday school departments except the adults have been meeting there.

On June 14 dedication services will be held at 2:30 p. m. and open house will follow. All friends, sponsoring churches and others interested are invited to attend.

At the morning worship hour on the anniversary date a revival will be started with the pastor, the Rev. Jack Butler, preaching and Ed McDougal, chair director, leading the music. It will continue through June 21.

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NEW CONVENTION OFFICERS—New officers elected by the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Louisville included, from left: Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, first vice-president; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor Broadway Church, Knoxville, president, and Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Church, Newport News, Va., second vice-president.

Rehobeth Plans Homecoming Day

Rehobeth Church will have a "Homecoming Day" May 31. All members, former members, and friends of the church are invited.

Among the items on the program for the day include: Preaching at eleven o'clock by a former pastor, Rev. Grady Smith; gospel singing led by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Raspberry; and food prepared by the ladies of the church. The pastor will bring a message in the afternoon.

The offering on this day will be applied to the church's building fund.

Handel Honored

BERLIN (RNS)—Religious and secular groups throughout West Germany joined in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Georg Friedrich Handel, renowned 18th-century composer whose remains are entombed in Westminster Abbey, London.

At the present time, he is teacher of the Men's Bible class.

Rev. Banks Hardy is the Antioch pastor.



Nellie Lantrip

Itawamba BSU Elects Officers

Nellie Lantrip, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lantrip, Vardaman, was elected as the 1959-60 President of the Baptist Student Union at Itawamba Jr. College, Fulton.

Others elected are: Darryl Byrd, Smithville, vice president; Virginia Scott, Pontotoc, Devotional chairman; Sarah Miller, Aberdeen, Social chairman; Charles Liles, Houlika, Room and Board chairman; Holly Springs, secretary; Paul Mitchell, Randolph, Missions chairman; Hazel Edwards, Pontotoc, Publicity chairman; Mr. Charlie Holcomb and Mr. James Thrash, Faculty Advisors; Rev. Victor Clayton, Pastor Advisor; Gladys Bryant, BSU Director.



CUBAN VISITORS—Visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention last week included three from Cuba. Rev. Jose Sanchez, Baptist pastor and former president of the Cuban Baptist Convention, (center); Mrs. Sanchez, and (at right) Chaplain Herrera, with Castro's forces during the revolution.

SUMMERLAND ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING

Visitors from at least five states are expected to be present for the fourth annual Homecoming Day, to be held at Summerland Church on Sunday, May 31. (This annual occasion is always held on the last Sunday in May).

The featured message this year will be brought by a former pastor, Dr. W. Lowrey Comper, President of Clarke College, of Newton.

At twelve o'clock, noon, lunch will be served to all in the Recreation Room of the church.

The afternoon service, which begins at 3:30 p. m., is to feature a recognition of visitors. Gospel singing by the congregation and by special groups, and a period of Fellowship and friendship with both old and new acquaintances.

The pastor is Rev. E. D. Crenshaw.

Names In The News

Charles H. Talbert received the Centennial Award in Theology during the graduation exercises at Southern Seminary on May 18. President Duke K. McCall presented him with \$100 for his paper, "John The Baptist and the Son of Mary." Talbert, who received his B. D. degree along with the award, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. Talbert, of Pearl.



TO GET HONORARY DEGREE—Dr. Dick Houston Hall Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., will be granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Law and Letters at the 133rd commencement exercises, May 31 at Robinson Stadium. A Mississippi College graduate of 1918, Dr. Hall is a native of New Albany. Dr. Hall already holds the Th. M. and Ph. D. degrees.

Dr. William G. Wilcox has been elected President of the 1959-60 Faculty Club at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Wilfred Tyler is vice-president, and D. H. Guyton is secretary-treasurer.

Bill Santo, Minister of Music and Youth at First Church, Natheez, Dr. D. Lewis White, pastor, was honored on May 24 by a reception at the church. Mr. Santo is leaving the state to begin work at First Church, Bastrop, La.



Rev. Brown O. Bryant

Antioch (Low.) Licenses Preacher

Brown O. Bryant has surrendered to preach the gospel, and was licensed by Antioch Church in Lowndes Association, on April 15th.

Rev. Bryant had extensive studies in the Old Testament at the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida before his surrender to preach and is making plans to further his education beginning this summer. He has been teaching a Sunday school class for several years.